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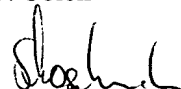
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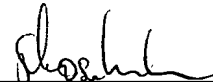
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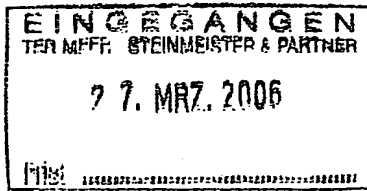
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-4

An optical recording medium which comprises a print-receiving layer as the outermost layer on the side opposite to the light incidence side, wherein a pattern is formed on the print-receiving layer.

1.1. claims: 5-9

An optical recording medium which comprises a print-receiving layer as the outermost layer on the side opposite to the light incidence side, wherein a pattern is formed on the print-receiving layer by concaves or convexes.

1.2. claims: 10-16

An optical recording medium which comprises a print-receiving layer as the outermost layer on the side opposite to the light incidence side, wherein a pattern is formed on the print-receiving layer by colors.

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